an increase in prices of all petroleum products including ATF; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) A proposal for lowering of administered price of aviation turbine fuel (ATF) for domestic operations has been deferred by the Government.

(c) and (d) Domestic fares are not regulated by Government and, therefore, airlines are free to fix any fares in their commercial judgement.

[Translation]

Fault Repair Service

4206. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it takes many days to rectify the fault of deed telephones due to the negligence of employees and corruption;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(c) the remedial measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Whenever any complaints of deliberate delay or adoption of corrupt practices in attending to rectification of faults on dead telephones are received, these are investigated and disciplinary/ administrative action is initiated against the concerned officials.

[English]

Shortage of Trolleys at Calcutta Airport

4207. DR. M. JAGANNATH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Calcutta airport is short of trolleys as reported in 'Asian Age' dated February 2, 1997; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) A contract was awarded on 1-2-1997 for provision, retrieval and maintenance of free baggage trolleys. 1500 trolleys wre positioned on 9-2-1997 at Calcutta Airport.

[Translation]

Construction of Overbridges

4208. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of places where over bridges have been constructed on rail lines in Bihar during the last two years;

(b) the details of proposals pending with the Union Government for construction of overbridges on rail lines; and

(c) the time by which the said proposals are likely to be cleared by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Nil.

(b) and (c) (1) Chakradharpur - State Government has not started work on approaches. (2) Motihari - Railway portion completed. State Government not constructed aproaches. (3) Saharsa - Yet to be sanctioned as State Government has to fulfil certain pre-requisite formalities. (4) Kishanganj - Hatwar - State Government yet to acept the estimate. (5) Fatuah - GAD aproved, estimate sanctioned. (6) Mithapur - sanctioned in 1997-98. (7) Deedarganj - sanctioned in 1997-98. (8) Arrah - Railway portion completed. State Government not started work on approaches. (9) Yar pur - Railway portion completed. One leg opened to traffic. (10) Parasnath - Road Over Bridge dropped by Ministry of Surface Transport. (11) Road Over Bridge on N.H. - 32 at km.339/7-8 between CHAS & Ispatnagar on Talgaria-Tapadir section.

Automatic Telephone Exchange In U.P.

4209. PROF. OMPAL SINGH 'NIDAR' : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of automatic telephone exchanges functioning at present in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the capacity of these exchanges;

(c) whether the Government contemplate to set up some new automatic telephone exchanges in the remaining districts of the State during 1997-98;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) 1,755 (as on 31.1.1997)

(b) 11,51,694 lines.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Details are given in the enclosed statement.

(e) Does not arise in view of (c) above.